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INCREASED MILITARY ACTIVITY
DONG HOI AREA, NORTH VIETNAM
1728N 10636E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS INCREASED MILITARY ACTIVITY IN THE DONG HOI AREA AND PROBABLY AN INITIAL EFFORT BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE TO REOCCUPY MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND BARRACKS FACILITIES IN THIS AREA SINCE THE 1 NOVEMBER 1968 BOMBING HALT.

2. LOCATION:

1.6 NM NW OF THE DONG HOI CITADEL BETWEEN ROUTES 1A AND 104.

3. BACKGROUND:

THE DONG HOI ARMY BARRACKS WNW, BEFORE BEING STRUCK EARLY IN 1965, WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE HOUSING AND TRAINING OF MILITARY PERSONNEL PRIOR TO THEIR INFILTRATION INTO SOUTH VIETNAM. THE FACILITY CONSISTED OF 22 TARGET AREAS CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 232 BUILDINGS. THE ORIGINAL BARRACKS CAPACITY OF THE INSTALLATION WAS APPROXIMATELY 12,500 MEN. THE INSTALLATION WAS SUSPECTED OF HOUSING ELEMENTS OF THE 325 INFANTRY DIVISION. PRIOR TO BEING SUBJECTED TO REPEATED AIR STRIKES THIS AREA WAS KNOWN TO CONTAIN AN INFANTRY TRAINING AREA AND 3 DRIVER TRAINING AREAS.

4. MISSION READOUT:

PHOTOGRAPHY OF 6 DECEMBER 1968 REVEALS AN INCREASED AMOUNT OF MILITARY

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ACTIVITY AT THE DONG HOI ARMY BARRACKS WNW NEAR THE VILLAGE OF LOC DAI.
NOTED ACTIVITY INCLUDES NUMEROUS PERSONNEL IN THE DISMANTLED BARRACKS AREA
AND IN THE NEARBY VILLAGES, ONE MOBILE CRANE, FORTY-FIVE CARGO TRUCKS, SEVEN
TENTS, EIGHT POL TANK TRUCKS, AT LEAST ONE-HUNDRED 55-GALLON TYPE POL DRUMS,
AN ACTIVE DRIVER'S TRAINING AREA, AND AN OCCUPIED AAA SITE (PROBABLY BEING USED
FOR TRAINING). THE ENTIRE AREA SHOWS HEAVY TRACK ACTIVITY.

5. REMARKS:

THIS ACTIVITY WOULD TEND TO INDICATE THAT THE MILITARY ARE REACTIVATING
OLD ABANDONED MILITARY AREAS SOUTH OF 19 DEGREES AND THAT THEY ARE INITIATING
NEW TRAINING PROGRAMS IN THE EXTREME SOUTHERN PORTION OF NORTH VIETNAM.

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MAP REFERENCE: 1:50,000 (6343-IV) 1:250,000 (NE-48-12) XE695335

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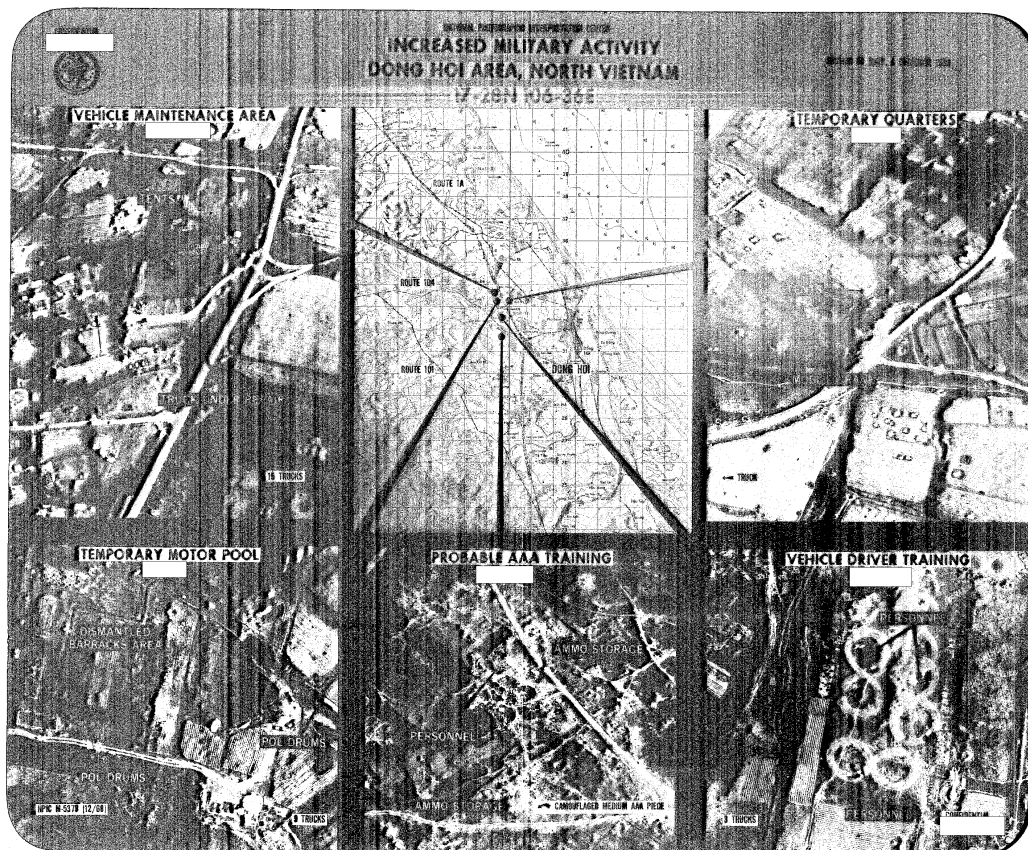
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